



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending September 17, 2006

Agricultural Summary

Rain interrupted harvest activities for many farmers during the week and slowed the dry-down of maturing crops. Sporadic progress was still made in corn and milo harvest, keeping the harvest pace at or above normal on a statewide basis for those crops. Rice harvest is ahead of normal in the Bootheel, while the cotton harvest is in its initial stages. A smattering of wheat seeding and soybean harvest were the other activities of the week. **Topsoil moisture** supplies are rated 20 percent very short, 30 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, an increase of 6 points in adequate to surplus over last week. There were 5.7 **days suitable for fieldwork**.

Field Crops Report

Ninety percent of the **corn** crop is mature, 3 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average of 83 percent. Harvest is 44 percent complete, 1 day ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of normal. Field reporters continue to find yield coming in higher than expected. **Soybeans** turning color is at 67 percent, 1 day behind last year but 3 days ahead of normal. Thirty-two percent is dropping leaves, 1 day behind last year but 1 day ahead of normal. Six percent of the crop is mature, marginally behind last year and average. Condition of the bean crop rates 6 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 7 percent excellent, a slight improvement from last week. Ninety-three percent of the **sorghum** crop is turning color, even with last year but 3 days ahead of normal. Sorghum mature is at 65 percent, 1 day behind last year but 4 days ahead of average. Sorghum harvest is 23 percent complete, about even with last year and the normal pace. Condition of the crop is rated 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Rice** harvest is 29 percent complete, 9 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of normal. Rice condition is rated 2 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 32 percent excellent. The portion of the **cotton** crop opening bolls advanced to 71 percent, 3 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of normal. Cotton harvest is 2 percent complete. Condition of the crop is 5 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

Pasture & Livestock

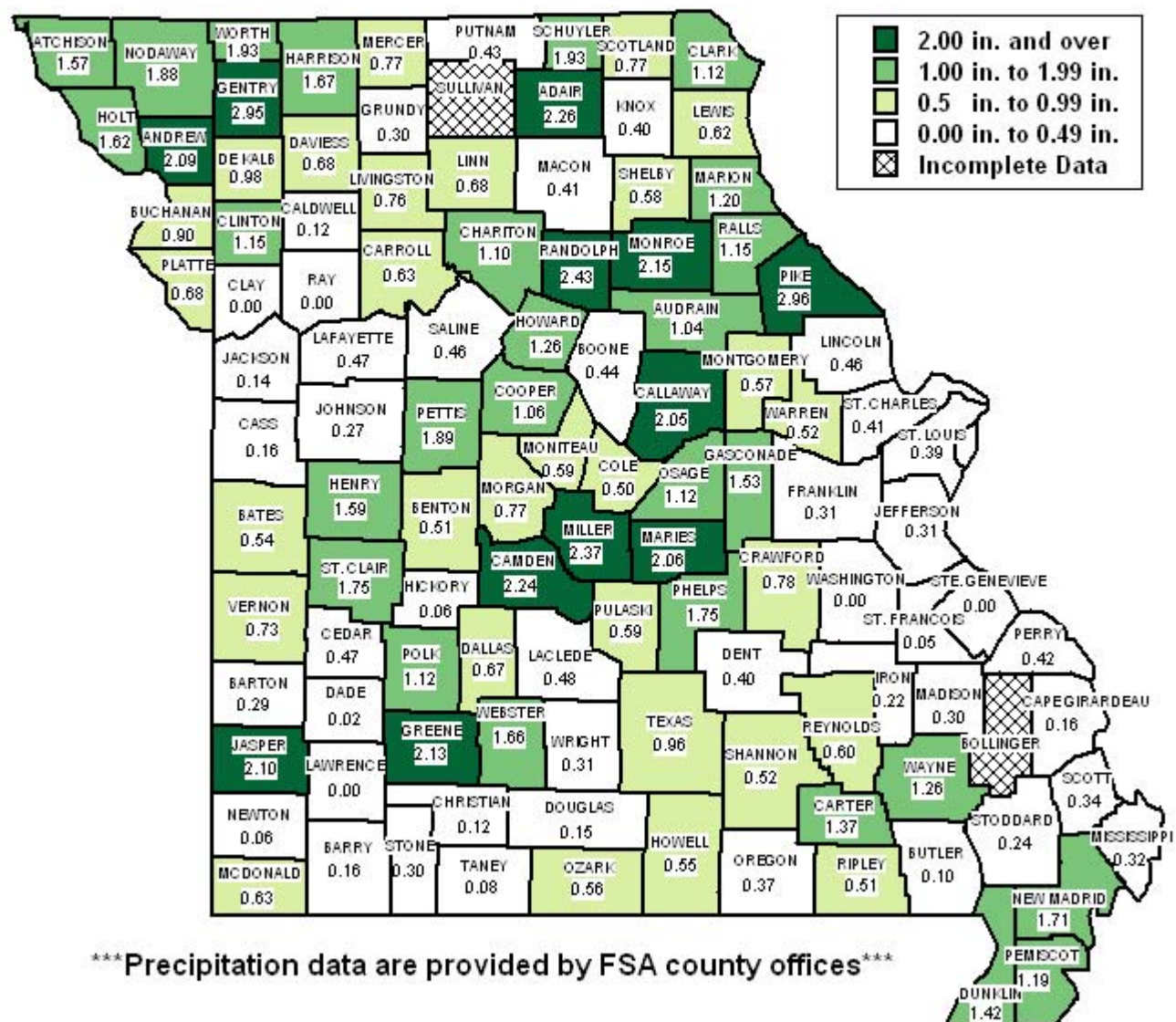
Pasture condition rates 35 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. While statewide pasture condition has steadily improved in recent weeks, most of the gains have been in the northwest and north-central districts. Other districts continue to languish with most of their pastures ranging from fair to very poor in condition. Lack of livestock water and winter hay supply remains a concern in the southern two-thirds of the State.

Weather Summary

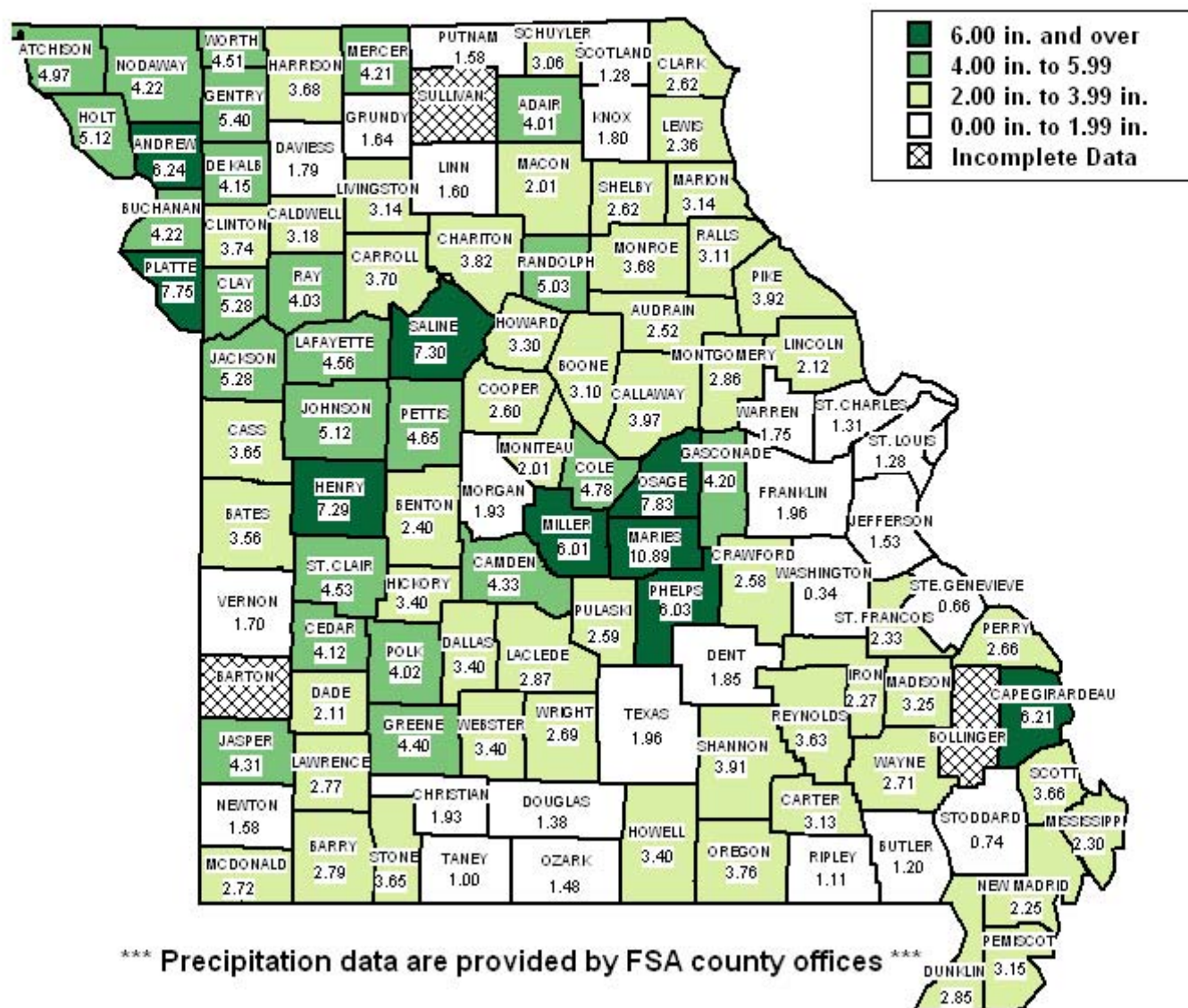
Temperatures were marginally below normal by 1 to 2 degrees over most of the State, with a few southern counties 3 to 4 degrees below average. **Rainfall** averaged 0.85 inches for the week, ranging from 0.44 in the east-central district to 1.21 in the northwest.

District Summaries As Of September 17, 2006										
	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	5.7	4.8	5.1	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.3
Last Year	4.4	5.1	5.6	4.8	3.7	4.1	3.4	4.8	4.3	3.6
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	20	6	1	13	42	26	25	47	17	18
Short	30	9	13	42	48	31	40	21	47	25
Adequate	48	80	82	41	10	40	35	31	36	57
Surplus	2	5	4	4	0	3	0	1	0	0
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	44	9	30	25	74	60	34	95	51	82
Last Year	42	13	37	35	56	65	47	80	33	61
Normal	36									
Soybeans Turning Color and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	67	77	69	77	62	61	76	35	44	56
Last Year	69	82	79	81	59	73	74	57	73	46
Normal	60									
Soybeans Dropping Leaves and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	32	37	27	39	31	30	31	14	9	30
Last Year	35	39	42	46	23	37	32	25	25	22
Normal	29									
Soybeans Mature, Percent										
This Year	6	5	4	3	7	11	5	0	3	12
Last Year	9	10	16	9	7	6	4	8	4	9
Normal	8									
Sorghum Mature, Percent										
This Year	65	55	30	62	87	52	57	91	39	71
Last Year	67	65	39	68	68	58	56	85	30	79
Normal	57									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	23	1	3	4	67	18	8	75	5	30
Last Year	23	3	7	18	17	27	14	51	4	28
Normal	22									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	3	2	0	4	5	4	4	3	21	3
Last Year	4	2	1	3	3	4	3	6	12	2
Normal	1									
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	6	1	11	3	9	9	1	37	0	4
Poor	15	5	18	13	40	17	7	36	1	12
Fair	33	32	29	30	40	39	45	21	40	33
Good	39	49	33	50	10	35	42	6	47	42
Excellent	7	13	9	4	1	0	5	0	12	9
Sorghum Condition										
Very Poor	1	1	3	0	2	8	0	0	2	1
Poor	11	2	14	6	14	20	7	34	5	5
Fair	40	17	54	37	65	44	29	54	41	32
Good	44	70	25	53	19	28	62	12	21	55
Excellent	4	10	4	4	0	0	2	0	31	7
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	35	4	9	20	44	49	26	68	33	9
Poor	24	7	15	33	34	23	38	19	31	38
Fair	22	23	26	35	20	21	32	12	17	42
Good	17	53	46	11	2	7	4	1	18	11
Excellent	2	13	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Average Precipitation	0.85	1.21	0.98	1.20	0.68	1.10	0.44	0.58	0.59	0.69

Precipitation for Week Ending September 17, 2006



Precipitation for Previous Four Weeks Ending September 17, 2006



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